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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56,
Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/970,648, filed October 5, 2001.

Applicants request that the publications of record during the prosecution of parent
Application No. 09/970,648 be considered during the examination of the present
Application.

A copy of an International Search Report dated February 21, 2002 that was issued
in conjunction with International Application No. PCT/SE01/02163, filed October 5, 2001,
that corresponds to the present Application is attached.

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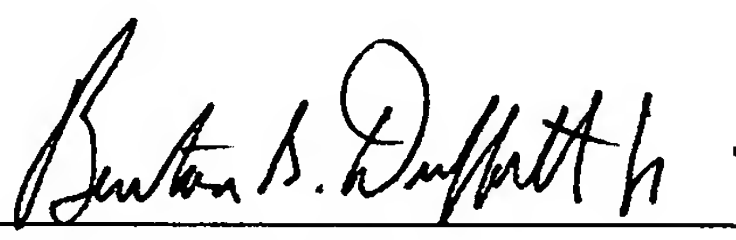
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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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